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### Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-33 remain in the application and are pending. Paragraph [0004] in the specification has been amended to delete the reference to Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-274010 which was mistakenly cited in the current application. This reference discloses subject matter pertaining to polar anisotropic ferrite magnets and magnetic granular material and is not considered to be material to the patentability of the present invention. The amendment to the specification does not present any new matter. Applicants include herewith a version of the paragraph [0004] from the specification and showing changes made by the current amendment.

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